Fee leviable on "Serum Simultaneous Inoculation."

READ—

Government Order No. I. C. 3521-32—C. V. 57-25-4, dated 23rd November 1925, directing the levy of a fee of one rupee per head of cattle protected with the Serum Simultaneous Method of inoculation.

2. Letter No. R. O. C. 1856 H. C. 470 of 25-26, dated 26th August 1926, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, urging the desirability of postponing the levy of fees referred to above, for some time to come till the advantages of the new method become sufficiently known to the agriculturists in the State.

ORDER No. I. C. 1994-2005—C. V. 19-26-2, DATED 24TH SEPTEMBER 1926.

Government are pleased to direct that the rate of fee leviable on Serum Simultaneous noculations be reduced from one rupee to eight annas per head of cattle and that the reduced rate come into effect from the 1st October 1926.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Medical and Agricultural Departments.

Sentences of Long Term Prisoners.

READ—

1. Correspondence ending with letter No. 1151—51-25, dated the 12th July 1926 from the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, submitting for consideration a draft scheme for the introduction of the Probation System in the State and the constitution of Standing Advisory Boards for the revision of sentences of long term prisoners.

2. The opinions of the District Magistrates of Districts and the Registrar, Chief Court, on the draft scheme, furnished in response to Circular No. 2642-50, dated the 25th November 1925.

ORDER No. G. 3446-55—PRIS. 39-24-22, DATED 29TH SEPTEMBER 1926.

The Indian Jails Committee recommended in their report the introduction of a system for the revision of the sentences of long term prisoners with a view to their release on probation prior to the termination of their sentences. Government have had this question under consideration for some time and have obtained a scheme from the Inspector-General of Prisons as also the opinions of the District Magistrates of Districts and of the Chief Court thereon. The scheme submitted by the Inspector-General of Prisons provides for the constitution of Advisory Boards to consider the cases of such prisoners and the submission to the Boards of the previous history of the convict in each case and the opinion of the District Magistrates as to the desirability of his release from the point of view of the community. The District Magistrates suggest slight modifications and are of opinion that it is desirable to introduce the scheme in the State. The Chief Court consider that the opinion of the Revising or Advisory Boards should be as independent as possible and based entirely on the convict's prison or other records. They are of opinion that the Boards need not have the views of the District Magistrates before them in deciding on the revision of sentences.

2. Government are pleased to approve of the scheme submitted by the Inspector-General of Prisons with slight modifications. In regard to the relation of the District Magistrate to the Boards, they agree with the Chief Court and consider that it is not necessary for the Boards to have the views of the District Magistrates before them in deciding on the cases submitted for their consideration. Government direct that the scheme as now approved may be tried for a period of three years in the first instance.

3. The rules relating to the constitution and working of these Boards as approved by Government are appended to this order.

4. The Inspector-General of Prisons is requested to take further action in regard to working out the details of the scheme.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Medical and Agricultural Departments.